

NORTH/WEST BATTERY PARK CITY RESILIENCY PROJECT: REACH WORKSHOP

ABOUT THE PROJECT

- The North/West Battery Park City Resiliency Project is one of three resiliency projects that the Battery Park City Authority (BPCA) is advancing to protect Battery Park City from future storm-surges and sea-level rise.
- Once complete, the project will implement flood risk reduction measures to protect Battery Park City from climate change-related events up to, and including, a **100-year storm** through the year 2050.
- The project area is divided into 7 reaches across the portions of the public realm of Battery Park City generally from the waterside edge of buildings to the edge of the Battery Park City Esplanade at the pierhead line in the Hudson River between 1st Place and the North Esplanade. The project area also includes the area necessary to connect to high ground where the **Design Flood Elevation (DFE)** meets existing grade at the intersection of Greenwich Street and North Moore Street.



TONIGHT'S WORKSHOP

The series of four Reach Workshops has been scheduled to collect community input as the project team advances the first phase of design work. This scheduling will enable the team sufficient time to consider the input provided by the community in design decisions in several areas of the reaches. Once this first phase of design has been completed, the project team will return to the community to share the results of the collaboration.

AGENDA

- Introduction and Project Overview (20 minutes)
- Small Group Discussion (1 hour)
- Small Group Report Out and Response (1 hour)
- Closing Remarks

100-year storm: A 100-year storm is a severe storm with a 1% likelihood of happening in any given year. In other words, there is a 1 in 100 or 1% chance that a storm will reach this intensity in any given year.

Design-Flood Elevation (DFE): Design Flood Elevation refers to the height of flooding the project is being planned to address. The design flood elevation considers four factors: 1) storm surge, 2) sea-level rise, 3) wave action, and 4) freeboard (the protective distance above the anticipated high-water line).

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER TONIGHT?



HOW TO PARTICIPATE TONIGHT

When you arrived tonight, you were invited to sit at a table with other community members—it's clear tonight is a different kind of public engagement meeting! You'll be working with project team members to review, understand, discuss, and share your ideas about potential designs for Reaches 3 and 4, and discuss the advantages and disadvantages of the different design options. By focusing on just two reaches, you'll be able to dive more deeply into challenges and potential opportunities and will have ample opportunity to share your thinking with others at your table, and later tonight, with the rest of the participants.

- Tonight's workshop will start with a brief overview of the project and updated design proposals for Reaches 3 and 4 (Rockefeller Park and Belvedere Plaza), which were developed using feedback from previous community meetings and more in-depth understanding of the technical constraints of the sites.
- The project overview will include an update about constraints around the Ferry Terminal, which is a part of Reach 4. The project team is still analyzing conditions and site constraints at the Ferry Terminal, which has been a concern raised at previous community meetings.
- Following the brief overview, table groups will work with project team members to take a close-up look at design renderings and discuss draft solutions for Reaches 3 and 4.
- Each table will discuss a set of discussion prompts (the prompts are identical at each table), share ideas, consider opinions, make notes on renderings, and identify key points they would like to share with all the participants during a share out at the conclusion of the evening.
- There are no wrong contributions—every idea counts, and all input is welcome. Please consider the ideas of your table partners and give everyone a chance to share.
- Each option has advantages and disadvantages. The project team is interested in understanding how you view and prioritize each option's tradeoffs. While tonight's discussion is not a vote or "pick your favorite" for any option, the feedback we receive tonight will allow us to identify priorities to carry forward as design continues.
- A technical expert, facilitator, and note taker will be at each table, and a group of subject matter experts will be available to answer topical questions that may come up during your discussions.
- At the end of the small group discussion, we'll reconvene the larger meeting, and share out summaries of the key findings of each group.
- After the groups share their summaries, you will have an opportunity to:
 - Write and submit additional comments
 - Speak with subject matter experts

WHAT'S GOING ON AT ROCKEFELLER PARK?

Reach 3 includes Rockefeller Park, a beloved landscape used daily by residents and visitors. It also includes the Playground, a valued community asset and an important aspect of the park experience for families. In this location, we are evaluating three options of the location of the flood barrier system and studying likely design and construction impacts on:

- The Playground
- The trees within the park area adjacent to the Playground
- The trees along River Terrace



TONIGHT, WE'LL TALK ABOUT...

- How would changes to the Playground and the way it connects to Rockefeller Park impact the way you use these spaces?
- In what ways do you currently use the sidewalk and roadways in this reach?

WHAT'S GOING ON AT...BELVEDERE PLAZA?

Reach 4 includes the Lily Pond area, a valued space to connect with water, contemplate, and observe habitat (ducks!). It also includes the Irish Hunger Memorial, the Ferry Terminal and the esplanade toward Belvedere Plaza, an area of high traffic and multiple types of users (commuters, residents, workers). In this location, we are evaluating three options for a passive or deployable flood barrier system and studying likely impacts and opportunities of the design and construction process.



TONIGHT, WE'LL TALK ABOUT...

- What are special features or aspects of the Lily Pond area that are important to you, and that you would like to preserve?
- What are features of aspects of the Irish Hunger Memorial Plaza that are important to you, and that you would like to preserve?
- How do you and your family / community members use these spaces today?
- What changes to the Lily Pond and Irish Hunger Memorial Plaza would you be open to?
- What changes to the Lily Pond and Irish Hunger Memorial Plaza would be unacceptable?

BPCA WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!

- If you have additional feedback or questions about the content of tonight's workshop, or any other items related to the project, please email the project team at nwbpcrinfo@bpca.ny.gov.
- You can find additional project information at our website: <https://bpca.ny.gov/nwbpcr/>
- Stay updated and register for future Workshops at https://bit.ly/nwbpcr_reachworkshops